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SUMMARY. RULING LDP HAS DECIDED TO SEND TWO-MAN MISSION TO WASHINGTON AROUND APRIL 15 TO PRESENT JAPANESE REPROCESSING VIEWS DIRECTLY TO CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES. END SUMMARY.

1. HAVING FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE SUPRAPARTISAN DIET DELEGATION VISIT TO WASHINGTON (REFTEL), SCI/TECH DIRGEN UNO APRIL 6 OBTAINED LDP SEC GEN OHIRA'S AGREEMENT TO SEND EXCLUSIVELY LDP MISSION. LDP AND FONOFF SOURCES SAY THAT DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED TO SEND FORMER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRGEN YOSHITAKE SASAKI AND FIRST TERM LDP DIET MEMBER KAORU YOSANO TO WASHINGTON AROUND APRIL 15 AFTER CONGRESSIONAL EASTER RECESS. LDP MISSION INTENDS TO PRESENT JAPANESE REPROCESSING VIEWS DIRECTLY TO APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES. SO FAR DELEGATION HAS NO PLANS TO APPROACH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL BE HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS. FONOFF (OKAWA -- UN BUREAU) TELLS US AMBASSADOR TOGO HAS RECOMMENDED MISSION SEE SENATORS JACKSON, RIBICOFF, GLENN,
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BAKER AND PERCY, AND REPRESENTATIVES MCCORMICK, J.B. ANDERSON, BINGHAM, UDALL AND ZABLOCKI SOMETIME BEGINNING APRIL 18. OKAWA INDICATED RESERVATIONS ABOUT WISDOM OF MISSION'S WASHINGTON VISIT, BUT SAID SINCE IT HAD BACKING OF TOP LDP LEADERSHIP, MATTER WAS BEYOND FONOFF CONTROL.

3. BEFORE ENTERING POLITICS IN 1960, SASAKI (67) SERVED AS

FIRST CHIEF OF SCI/TECH AGENCY'S ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU. SINCE ELECTION TO LOWER HOUSE FROM AKITA PREFECTURE, SASAKI HAS BEEN PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE, AND CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL LDP COMMITTEE FOR NPT BEFORE ENTERING CABINET AS SCI/TECH DIRGEN (1974-76). ASSOCIATED WITH ATOMIC ENERGY MATTERS OFF AND ON OVER PAST TWENTY YEARS, SASAKI NOW SERVES AS HEAD OF LDP SCI/TECH POLICY COUNCIL AND ONE OF SPECIAL LOWER HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE DIRECTORS. MEMBER OF OHIRA FACTION, HE GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY IN ECONOMICS. HE UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL, BUT SPEAKS IT POORLY.

4. YOSANO (38) IS FIRST TERM LOWER HOUSE MEMBER FROM TOKYO. HE WAS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO FORMER LDP SEC GEN NAKASONE WHEN LATTER SERVED AS JDA CHIEF. YOSANO NOW SERVES ON SPECIAL LOWER HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. TOKYO UNIVERSITY GRADUATE IN ECONOMICS, HE MAY SPEAK SOME ENGLISH.
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